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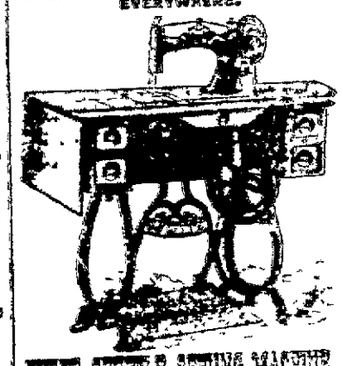

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Two little baby boys I own,
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His earnest look of sweet surprise,
His funny ways and joyous shout,
I could not tell you all about
If I should try a year.

He creeps so fast to catch his toys,
And then he sets up such a noise;
His horse and dog and hood and bell,
He throws them all about pell-mell.
Oh, Mother Goose, if you could see
This little boy, so full of glee,
Yourselves would ache, I fear.

He watches with a rueful face
The logs that nudge his plaster
By shutting into your aisle. "Keep
And to the fighters," I whisper.
"The very best encouragement that way
You love your "bobbers" in your play,
And bring a smile or tear.

In hammock low, among the trees,
Rocked back and forth by passing breeze,
The baby swings, and soon to and
The gentle rustle of the tree,
The lights and shades, the leaves that fall,
The sunshine brooding over all—
The Indian summer here.

Way overhead, in the blue sky,
The downy clouds float softly by.
A lullaby her nature sings,
And through the air its music rings.
My little one falls fast asleep,
As sun and shadow o'er him creep,
His mother watching near.

Two baby boys! a God of love
Sends us a gift from heaven above,
And like the shifting rainbow bright,
Tinging the drifting clouds with light,
Their souls, so fine and sweet, shine out,
Breaking through mists of grief and doubt,
And make my pathway clear.

THE STOLEN CHICKEN.

A Christmas Story.

I tell you what it is, Alice Dramond, you'd have a great deal more fun if you'd come with me down to our minister's Christmas day. We are going to have a splendid time, and it will be awful potty at your grandpa's."

Hetty Brown's black eyes snapped in eager anticipation, as her bright young voice dwelt emphatically on the time coming.

"Indeed, it won't be 'potty' at grandpa's; and I wouldn't miss going for anything. But let us hear all about that wonderful time you're going to have, Hetty?"

"Well," said Miss Hetty "mamma and all the other ladies in the church are going to take an elegant dinner down to Mr. Snow's, and then in the afternoon all the children are going there to play games, and have pop corn, and candy, and oranges, and a grand lot of grapes, right from the city. My father brought them home to-day. Oh, dear! I can't wait till to-morrow comes."

Here a dozen eager young voices chimed in to discuss that blessed Christmas. Ah, how many happy hearts that little, dingy schoolhouse held; and one sad one, too—such a sad one. The heart's owner thought just then that no heart ever ached harder—no life was ever more desolate.

Poor little Sallie Jones was always "left out in the cold." She never had anything; she never went anywhere, no one ever spoke to her kindly except the teacher.

But Sallie yearned to hear what the girls were saying. She was so lonesome. So she slid along the seats till she got near enough, unobserved, to listen to the details of that wonderful Christmas entertainment; of one girl's new blue cashmere dress, another's wine colored merino, and, above all, of the lovely set of fur, the handsome gold chain, and the shell headband that Elder Brown had that day brought home from the city to Miss Hetty.

Hetty was expatiating on their varied beauties to the appreciative little group, when her keen black eyes spied our luckless Sallie.

"Dear me! Sallie Jones," she cried, "you've always got your nose in somebody's business. You don't expect to go to Mrs. Snow's, do you? Oh, well, you'll wear that green calico, of course. Won't she look sweet, girls?"

Hetty Brown was grand mogul of that school, so two or three of the girls said "yes, but" and "awful," and they all laughed, while poor Sallie sneaked back to her seat like a caught culprit, with bitter, rebellious thoughts in her heart and tears of shame and anger in her eyes. Was it her fault that she was poor and almost ragged, and that her father died a drunkard? she wondered.

No more study for Sallie that day. Her eyes were on her book, but her mind was busy with something else. So busy, in fact, that she missed every lesson, and was sent to the foot of her class in disgrace, in consequence thereof.

Sallie had two aunts, Aunt Sarah Green and Aunt Margaret Green—her mother's sisters. They were both old maids, and they lived all by themselves. They had a snug little farm and a cozy little home, and plenty of money laid away. They never went anywhere, and people said it was because they got so angry at Maria for running off with Jack Jones. Well, be that as it may, they lived on and on at the farm in the little red house, and never gave Maria anything, although it was all just as much hers as it was theirs.

On this memorable evening Sallie concluded that she would go home by the aforesaid little red house. So she walked a mile out of her way, through the keen air, to take a good long look at it.

She stopped under the great elm by the gate, rested her chin on the low fence, and took a survey of the premises. Everything looked just as it did the last time she went by, even to the strings on the green paper curtains at the front windows, and there, too, under the old apple trees were a dozen fine, fat turkeys, and over so many chickens.

"Dear me," said Sallie to herself, "if I only had one!" Then she turned and ran home just as fast as her feet would carry her.

There was a strange sparkle in her eyes that had never been there before. She had not been thinking all day for nothing.

In a few minutes she was home. Home! How little of its rightful blessedness did that poor little shanty on the banks of that miserable, weedy branch convey! But mother and the two little half starved, ill-clad brothers were there; but they were all the world to her—companions in misery.

"Oh, Sallie," said the mother, in a querulous tone, "how late you are. The fire is all out, and there ain't nothing to build it up. You'll have to run to the woods and get some brush."

"I've got some kid, mother; I'll have it here in a minute."

In a short time the twigs were crackling in the stove, and the supper was cooking. No meal was a matter of much moment in that house. They were all alike, day in and day out. Salt and potatoes for breakfast, dinner and supper, sometimes varied with mush. It was salt and potatoes to-night; and Mrs. Jones set the former on the table in an old tin can, and the latter in a wooden platter, and called Sallie and the two boys to partake.

Sallie took her place at the table, but visions of oranges, and grapes, and blue dresses flitted before her eyes, and the remembrances of her schoolmates' scorn and unkindness put such a lump in her throat that she could not eat.

"Sallie, why don't you eat your supper?" said her mother.

"Cause I'm tired of nothin' but mush and potatoes." And Sallie's plate was shoved back with no gentle hand.

"Le, child, we can't afford no better; so make the best of it."

"Well, but mother, don't all that Aunt Sarah and Aunt Meg have belong to you just as much as it does to them?"

"Of course it does; but I can't get anything. I've never had a cent off the place yet."

"I'll bet I will,' said Sallie, with a defiant toss of her head.

Sallie sat with her elbows on the table, her head in her hands, lost in meditation. Presently she looked up.

"Mother, if you had a real nice, fat chicken, could you cook it with brush."

"I could cook anything with brush, if I had it to cook. But where's your chicken?"

"Oh, I only asked for fun," replied Sallie, innocently; and then she added "I am going out a few moments, mother."

She caught up her hat and shawl and darted out into the chilly night. It was growing late. Just a faint streak of light lingered in the sky where the sun set, back of the meadow; but the stars sparkled like so many diamonds—and it all just suited Sallie. A keen wind was blowing; but her nimble feet soon brought her to the end of her secret journey—the coveted abode of her two aunts.

Stealthily she opened the gate and went around to the side of the house. Silence reigned supreme. A little rim of light shone around the edge of the lowered curtain at the back window, and there on the apple trees, close at hand, roosted peacefully the chickens and turkeys. Sallie crept softly up to the nearest tree.

I presume you think, by this time, that Sallie intended to have a chicken. So she did. And in less time than I can write it, she had climbed a tree and had a fine, fat fowl under her arm and her shawl drawn tightly over its head.

So far fortune had been propitious; but then the tide turned. Getting down was not so easily accomplished as getting up. Poor Sallie's foot slipped, and down she went, all in a heap, on the grass at the foot.

In her descent she had knocked off two or three chickens, and they roused all the rest, and what a row there was! All the hens cackled, the roosters crowed and the turkeys gobbled. All were in wild commotion. And then the dog inside took it up and barked furiously, and in a moment more the door flew open, and the two little old maids, each with a candle in her hand, came out. All this time poor Sallie lay there, with her foot twisted under her, unable to rise, but still held on to the chicken. The dreadful steps came nearer and nearer, and Sallie's heart was filled with anger, shame and despair. She was frantic, but she could not move.

Miss Sarah Green was first, and when she reached the prostrate little figure she turned the light full in her face.

"Sallie Jones!" shrieked Miss Sarah, "you mean little thief."

"I am not a thief," screamed Sallie, defiantly.

"What have you got that chicken under your arm for, if you ain't?" said Margaret.

"It's my mother's chicken, and I came after it," said Sallie, stoutly.

"How does it belong to her, I'd like to know?"

"I'll tell you how," cried Sallie, in scorn and rage. "This place and all that's in it are just as much my mother's as they are yours; and you and Aunt Sarah are both thieves yourselves, for you stole it all from her, and never gave her a cent. You have plenty to eat and wear, while she is almost freezing and starving. I thought she'd a right to one chicken out of it all, any way, and I concluded to take it, because I knowed you'd be too mean to give it to me if I did ask you."

Sallie was no outlook little heroine. She was a half savage in some people's eyes; but she thought her mother ought to have her rights—by force, since she could not by peace.

After this outburst silence reigned a while, for Sallie's logic was irrefutable.

"Sarah," said Miss Margaret, presently, "I think the child is right. It is nothing better than stealing to keep Maria out of her share, because she ran off with Jack Jones."

"I think so, too," exclaimed Miss Sarah. "Put down your chicken, and come into the house, child."

Bewildered at the unexpected turn affairs had taken, Sallie relinquished her hold of the chicken she had risked so much for, and meekly followed her two aunts and the dog into the warm, bright kitchen.

Nobody could be kinder than Sarah and Margaret Green were to their vagabond little niece, when they once determined to do right. They soon had her before the fire in the easiest little rocking chair, and were asking her all manner of questions about her mother, where they lived and what they did; and finally Miss Sarah went and got her bonnet and shawl, and Miss Margaret, too. Sallie looked on in wonder; but when Aunt Sarah told her they were going to bring her mother and two little brothers home, and that she should stay there, for she never was to go away any more, she thought her senses had forsaken her entirely.

Well, they went; and Sallie, sitting there alone, actually twitched one of her long brown curls to see if it was Sallie Jones, the forlorn drunkard's daughter, who was at last to have a home—a home where there would always be food and warmth in bounteous supply. Her eyes flashed triumphantly as she thought of the girls at school. "She'd be just as good now as they were."

The dream went on! The mother and the little ones came home. There was such a lovely supper set for the cold and hungry ones. The nicest butter, the lightest rolls, the clearest honey, fried chicken, cold ham and doughnuts, and delicious tea. Nobody ever had such a nice supper, Sallie thought. And then how many regrets for the past, love promises for the future and happy tears filled up the measure of that blissful night. To crown it all for Sallie, she went to sleep in the softest feather bed in the world. Happy Sallie! Her wildest dreams had never pictured this. It was like a lovely fairy tale, and there was no wicked fairy who could conjure up the old misery again.

The sun came peeping in next morning at the little bedroom window, and slanted its brightest beam right athwart Sallie's eyes, and woke her up to the happiest Christmas day of her life—the day that would forever stand out alone in its perfectness.

In Sallie's eyes the dinner was fit for a king. The large table, spread with snowy damask, white china, with glittering glasses, fairly groaned under its burden of good things—roast turkey, cranberry sauce, crisp celery, golden pumpkin pies and delicious mince pies, rich preserves and jelly cake—more than a dozen could eat. A romp in the orchard had given Sallie and her brothers a fine appetite, and they did ample justice to it.

"Eat all the turkey you want, child," said Aunt Sarah, helping Sallie to a third slice and an extra spoonful of cranberries. "We'll kill the speckled hen and bake her for dinner, Sunday," she added, with a smile.

Sallie blushed scarlet and stammered out: "Oh, Aunt Sarah, I'm so sorry that I was so wicked; but"—

"I am very glad you came, Sallie," said Aunt Margaret, earnestly. "We should have been living on in the old way, but for that. It is your mother's right; and we were wrong to keep it from her. But we are very happy now, and I trust we always will be."

"We will indeed," said the other two women.

"And this is to be really and truly my home?" queried Sallie, "and I won't have to wear that old green calico any more, and have Hetty Brown make fun of me, will I?"

"Yes, your home, Sallie, as much as ours, and we'll put the old calico in the rag-bag, and get you some new dresses, and one of them shall be a blue cashmere, as handsome as Hetty Brown's," was Aunt Sarah's smiling assurance.

"Only you mustn't go round stealing the neighbors' chickens," chimed in Aunt Margaret, laughing.

"You'd better watch me," cried Sallie, archly.

The long, glad day came to an end at last—that day without a shadow, and from Sallie's heart went up to the Father of Love a prayer of true thanksgiving. Looking into the starlight, she said softly to herself:

"I wish all drunkards' children could be as happy to-night as I am; for, oh, I am the happiest girl in all this whole, wide world."—*Mercury.*

A Born Journalist.

We learn that Mr. Montague Browne, who for a period of over two years has filled the sub-editorial chair of the *New Zealand Herald*, is about to leave Auckland for Dunedin, to fill an engagement on the *Guardian*, a leading daily morning paper. Although young in years, Mr. M. Browne ranks among the smartest newspaper men in the colony, or any of the neighboring colonies, and from our personal knowledge of that gentleman, if he did not possess all the qualifications for newspaper work, we should say: "More shame to him!" Mr. M. Browne was born, somewhat prematurely, in an editor's room adjoining a newspaper printing office, and has been connected with the newspaper press from that hour to this. At three weeks old a girl, to whom the child had been committed, let him fall into a keg of printer's ink, and it was days and days before he could be restored to his original complexion. At twelve months old nothing would pacify him so quickly as to give him a pot of paste, a pair of scissors and an old newspaper. At three years he escaped from his nurse, and "pied" seventeen galleys of type. At seven he coaxed his sister to be placed on a printing press, and was about taking an impression from her, when he was discovered by his mamma, who did not fail to make an impression on him. At twelve years old our youthful journalist did his first atrocious murder, in which he caused a mother, the keeper of a sausage establishment, to slay her child and convert it into sausages, the whole of which she disposed of to customers. This murder sold five hundred additional copies of the newspaper it was printed in. A month after that he perpetrated the great bank robbery, which will not yet have died out of the memory of our readers. This was followed by a dreadful conflagration, and afterward by a miraculous escape of a young lady from being carried off by a female disguised as a man, in a fit of jealousy, for having attempted to wean the affections of the gentleman to whom she was engaged. It was a thrilling tale. The falling of a child down a three hundred feet shaft, the mother jumping down after her, and both being brought out alive, was a most affecting narrative. Since that time Mr. Montague Browne has filled various appointments in the literary department of a newspaper, and has written more sin and crime and villainy than any man of his age. As a sub-editor, or an all-round journalist, Mr. Browne has few superior to him, and he has never failed in preserving its tone and maintaining its character for thorough honesty and independence. And as for the latest intelligence, if it is to be got, he will get it; and when it's not to be got—even then he'll get it.

A Sudden Landfall.

The Sheboygan (Wis.) *News* says: We casually noticed the sudden sinking of some two acres of land sixty feet below the surface of the earth the week previous, at what is known as Kemper's pier. The point at which this strange rupture took place is in the town of Mequon, this county, and the make of the ground, previous to the sinking, indicated that there had been a landslide many years ago, as there was a considerable piece of land lying shelving toward the lake, and upon it had grown large trees and other vegetation. Here Mr. Kemper had built a pier, a dwelling house, fixed him a brickyard, built fences, etc. One day, when his wife was pulling up cabbages, suddenly she heard a roaring and rumbling, saw the earth cracking and sinking gradually near to and far beyond her, and verily thought it an earthquake or the day of judgment. Gradually the earth went down, down to the depth of sixty feet, two acres, all in pretty good order, with trees, fences, and everything upon it standing the same as it had stood for years before. But, suddenly, as if by magic, up rose a full fledged and stately island, about seventeen feet high, immediately outside the sunken land and independent of it. The land composing this island was not earth shoved out by force of the sinking land, but stands there bolt upright, "monarch of all it surveys." It is clay soil, and Lake Michigan is wearing away against its square banks, and soon it will be among the things that were. There is another strange thing connected with this phenomenon; Mr. Kemper has a well, bricked up, and about forty-three feet deep, which, as soon as the land sunk, filled to the brim with good cold water. So the owner now has forty-three feet of good water, instead of an ordinary well. Mr. Kemper had to remove his dwelling house.

Just Fire Lines.

Little Charles has been misbehaving at boarding school, and the stern master forbids him, as a punishment, to write more than a letter of five lines to his mother, who will expect a long epistle on her birthday. The ingenious youth buys a roll of wallpaper and writes his letter thereon. There are just five lines, but each one is thirty-three feet long.

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THURSDAY, DEC. 14, 1876.

The suspense and excitement regarding the Presidential question is rapidly fading away. The fact that Hayes and Wheeler have received 185 legal electoral votes has forced the conviction upon thinking, sensible men of all parties that the much vexed question is finally and fairly settled. Were it not for the whinings and snarlings, and impotent efforts to find some trick by which to defeat the will of the people, of a clique of hungry and disappointed New York politicians, of whom Sam. Tilden is chief, there would even now be no discussion of the question in the press. All the unnecessary and foolish agitation of this question comes from that class of men. They are woefully disappointed. The loaves and fishes were so near and are yet so far. The nomination of Sam. Tilden, arrant fraud and proven public swindler, was an insult to the American people. The gang of worn out politicians at his heels had staked their all in his election. By fraud at the North and intimidation and murder at the South they had high hopes of success. The game was nearly won—and lost. The Oregon absurdity is a fitting farce upon which to drop the curtain. Since the election of Hayes has become assured there is a very noticeable improvement in the business tone of the country. There need be no further apprehension or occasion for depression of business on account of the Presidential question. President elect Hayes will be inaugurated next March, and the country, both North and South, will put see great cause to rejoice in his election.

The South Carolina Supreme Bench is likely to be relieved of its Moses, Chief Justice. It is discovered that by his acceptance of the office of Professor of Law in the University of South Carolina, which is a State office, the office of Chief Justice becomes vacant. The Legislature will fill the vacancy on Friday. South Carolina has undoubtedly been afflicted with the family of Moses. Nearly all the odium that has been brought upon the Republican party of that State has been due to the class of which this Jamaica chief. The democrats loved to denounce them, yet when the head of the family was willing to aid them by illegal rulings how they did love him and praise him! It is well that his place is to be filled by a man having some regard for law and decency.

That the Democrats were prepared with one of Tilden's "barls of money" to capture that missing vote was never doubted by those who knew the Tilden tactics. There is evidence of the fact in Louisiana and South Carolina. One of the Republican electors in the latter State, after casting his ballots for Hayes and Wheeler on Wednesday, told the *Tribune* correspondent that he was offered $10,000 for his vote for Tilden, with $10,000 security put up for its payment. At the convention of the Republican electors of Louisiana, when Mr. Levisee's name was called he said that he had been offered $100,000 to vote for Tilden, but he prized the privilege of voting for Hayes higher. When he announced his vote he said he voted for Hayes because nobody had been bribed in securing his election. There are doubtless other cases of attempted bribery of electors, which will sooner or later be made known. The above facts make it apparent that Tilden knows he did not receive a majority of the votes of the States on the 6th of November.

Sunset Randall has been set back twice in his high-handed partisan schemes. He wanted to try and impeach the President, but was outvoted in caucus and severely rebuked by Ben Hill and other southern members who carry what few brains there are in the party. The second overthrow came from the Senate. On a test vote in that body the favorite Tilden theory that the twenty second joint rule was still in force was utterly repudiated. Only four democratic Senators, and they of the smallest calibre, voted to sustain the theory. Thus another chance to crowd Tilden in is lost.

The President has made new appointments in the Post Office and Custom House of Philadelphia, which he had a perfect right to do, and a howl about the Cameron influence is the consequence, of course.

The Oregon Trick.

[From the N. Y. Times.]

The device of the Democrats to steal a Republican vote from the Electoral College of Oregon on Wednesday was such a bold violation of the laws of the State, and was so clumsily carried out that it does not give the authors much comfort. The provisions of the Oregon statutes governing the matter are very plain, full, and conclusive. A simple and brief recital of them will show our readers that the Democratic trick is as useless as it is desperate.

The general laws of Oregon, (chapter 9, title 9, section 60) provide that "the votes for Electors shall be given, received, returned, and canvassed as the same are given, returned and canvassed for members of Congress." In regard to members of congress, and therefore in regard to Electors, it is provided (title 3, section 37) that "the Governor shall grant a certificate of election to the person having the highest number of votes," and (section 40) it is further provided that "in all elections in this State the person having the highest number of votes for any office shall be elected." There is no option or discretion allowed. The persons receiving the highest number of votes for the positions of Electors were entitled to certificates. The Governor had no power to refuse them. What are these certificates? Are they distinct papers given one to each of the Electors? Not at all. They are, in the language of the Federal statute, (act of 1792,) "lists of the names of the Electors, certified." Such lists the Governor was required to give to the Electors "on or before" Wednesday. Gov. Grover deliberately violated this law. He prepared lists which were false in regard to one Elector, and gave them, not to the Electors, nor to a majority of them, but to Cronin, a private citizen, who was no more an Elector of Oregon than he was an Elector of Florida.

In order to find Cronin, the Democrat an Elector, it was necessary for the Governor to declare that the election of Watts, the Republican, was void, and for such declaration to have any effect it was necessary that the Governor should be competent to determine the question. But the laws of Oregon (chapter 14, title 6, section 48) declare that on "the decision of a competent tribunal declaring void an election of appointment," the "office shall become vacant." The action of the Governor, then, if he had any right to act at all, simply created a vacancy, which the remainder of the Electors, in the exercise of the power conferred on them by the laws of the State, proceeded to fill. These laws say, (chapter 14, title 9, section 50):

"If there should be any vacancy in the office of an Elector, occasioned by death, refusal to act, neglect to attend, or otherwise, the Electors present shall immediately proceed to fill, by viva voce and plurality of votes, such vacancy in the Electoral College, and when all the Electors shall appear, or the vacancies, if any, shall have been filled as above provided, such Electors shall proceed to perform the duties required of them by the Constitution and the laws of the United States."

This is precisely what the Electors did. Their course was literally in accordance with the law, and the law is not permissive but mandatory. It does not say what may be done but what shall be done, both in the case of the Electors and in that of the Governor. The Electors obeyed the law; the Governor defied it. The absurd action of the man Cronin, himself without a shadow of title to the office of Elector, proceeding to name a couple of his fellow schemers as Electors, and then assuming to cast the vote of the State, is too ridiculous for further mention.

The question of what will be done with the Electoral vote of Oregon is a very simple one. The legal vote will reach the President of the Senate by the messenger appointed, and will be opened as the Constitution requires, and it will "then be counted."

[From the N. Y. Tribune.]

We cannot conceive of a case more simple than that of Oregon. An electoral college, like a legislature, or board, or any other legal body of any kind, is obliged, when it enters upon its duties, to verify the qualifications of its members, and a majority necessarily decides. This power is equivocally given to the electors by the law which requires them to fill vacancies in their number, for that involves the power to determine whether vacancies exist. The electors met; a majority found that one person who had not been legally elected was present, holding an illegally issued certificate. The majority thereupon declared that this person had not been legally elected, that a vacancy existed, and proceeded to fill that vacancy. No man will dispute that they could have done this, had the certificate by a mere clerical blunder been made out to John Jones, instead of John H. Jones. No sane man will deny their power to right the wrong, if, in mere wanton recklessness, the Secretary of State had made out a certificate for a man who received no votes, or a minority of votes. Their power to decide upon the qualifications of a member is not less clear when the Governor, in violation of a long established rule of law, by the Democrats themselves acted upon elsewhere, declared a person to be elected who, according to his own canvass and declaration, had not received a majority of votes.

In Missouri, for example, a Democrat received a majority of votes who was not legally qualified. For the purpose of forcing the Democrats to declare the true rule of law, the Republican opponent claimed the election. The claim was denied, first by the Democratic Governor and Secretary of State, and afterward by the Democratic electors themselves, on the perfectly impregnable ground that a man *against* whom the majority voted cannot be elected by the fact that the one *for* whom the majority voted is ineligible. As a Connecticut judge pithily observed in deciding a similar case. "Whatever may be doubted, it is perfectly certain that the people did not want you." A majority vote for an ineligible candidate is simply an election of nobody. Having acted upon this rule, and properly, in the exclusion of minority claimants in Missouri and elsewhere, the Democrats must also abide by it in Oregon. Indeed, if it were possible to reverse that rule, thus letting in a Democrat who was not elected in Oregon, the same reversal would let in the Republican claimants in Missouri and two other States, and so deprive the Democrats of as many votes as the whole State of Oregon casts.

Hon. (?) John Morrissey has declared all bets off made at his establishment, and proposes to return the money after deducting three per cent. for his trouble. This action is causing great dissatisfaction among betting men, who denounce it as a swindling operation. We must say that it looks very much like it.

If John Morrissey had believed that the Oregon theft would elect Tilden, would he have declared all bets off?

The Democratic House call upon the President to say why and where he has ordered troops into the southern States. They are likely to get more than they ask for.

Mr. Morrissey will not be compelled to listen much longer to the complaints of his victims. In a few weeks he will be engaged at Albany in making laws for the State of New York. This is a great country.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

Seven "Reformers" have already been convicted in Cincinnati for voting too often at the October election, and there are more who will follow them. This looks like a deliberate attempt to "overawe" the unanimous Democracy of that region. Every victim of that persecution is a firm believer in a fair count.

The most melancholy spectacle at present is the attempt of the Democratic journals to make the public believe or think the Oregon business all right for Tilden. They burst out in a spasm of sort of way with flags and rockets, but there is an air of hopelessness about them which shows they have really given up the fight.

The spectacle of a party trying to steal one President and impeach another at the same time has been reserved for the Centennial year. The success of the experiment will undoubtedly be so lamentable that a second trial will not be made for another century.

Speaker Randall and his brethren will have a tough job of it in trying to prove that the Twenty second Joint Rule is still alive. Its death is not only officially recorded, but leading Democrats are on record as having made speeches at the funeral. It is clearly another case of too much record.

The Greenback party must destroy itself, or it will find specie payments resumed before it has had a chance to make another fight for inflation. Here is gold at 107½, and steadily sinking. The exports are heavy, and, in the event of a foreign war, will be a great deal heavier; while the imports are exceedingly light. Gold is steadily pouring in upon us, and a 4½ per cent bond for the purpose of funding the greenbacks could certainly be placed to advantage almost immediately. The specie payment question is taking care of itself, and the number of people, other than escaped lunatics, who believe specie resumption, in accordance with the law, in 1879 an impossibility, is rapidly diminishing.

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Notice is therefore hereby given to the Coroners, Justices of the Peace and Constables within the county that they be then and there in their proper person at 10 o'clock A. M., of said day, with their rolls records, inquisitions, examinations, and other remembrances, to do those things which their offices appertain to be done. And those who are bound by their recognisances to prosecute the prisoners that are or shall be in the jail of said county of McKean, are to be then and there to prosecute against them as well as just.

Dated at Smethport Nov 27, 1876, and the 101th year of the Independence of the United States of America.

C. S. KING, Sheriff.

Jury List.

DRAWN FOR SPECIAL TERM, JAN. 8, 1877.

Annin—E H Alford, H J Hadley, M Robinson, Geo Parker.
Bradford Boro—Dalton Anderson, jr., Joel Miller, Newell Bliss.
Bradford—[illegible], M Ingleshee, Geo Pike, J M Welch, [illegible] Wolfrom.
Ceres—Jno Lanahan, Moon Manson, Wm Woodin.
Eldred—Byron Alford, Deobin Bemis, J W Jacobs, N Champ.
Hamilton—L B Jones.
Hamlin—Orrin Ferry.
Keating—Wilbur Acre, Geo A Stickley.
Liberty—John Acre, G H Blackman, Sam Cumings, D J Schultz.
Lafayette—D A Butts, Owen Corwin, L B Stanton.
Otto—Chas Dehn, Wm Loveley.
Smethport—L C Corwin, Lewis Ramon.
Wetmore—Chas Jones, Thos Vance.

O. VONDUEG, A. SHILLY, } Jury Com.

Trial List for Special Term, Jany. 8, 1877.

No 160, June T 1873
J F Clark vs T J & C C Melvin
No 68, Dec T 1873
J F Clark vs C C Melvin, Admr's of Reed
No 92, Sept T 1874
George B Moore vs E M Cook
No 302, Sept T 1874
P Ackley, Guardian &c vs James M & G M [Welch
No 111, Dec T 1876
H Little, Ex of D K vs Joseph F Clark
No 130, Dec T 1875
F Butterman vs A Affenbacker & wife
No 12 Feby T 1876
Warren's Trustees vs J E Clark
No 20 June T 1876
H Little Ex. of D K vs Gurtis W Howell
No 6, Sept T 1876
John Tretton vs Luther Gordon
No 102 Sept T 1875
J P Charles vs H Finnegan
No 229 Sept T 1876
C & N W Railroad vs Mott & B E R Co.
No 41 Dec T 1876
J F Clark vs H Little Ex of D K
No 103 June T 1876
Jos. Colegrove vs McKean & Buffalo R R Co
No 13 Feby T 1876
James Briggs vs Henry McCord
No 143 Feby T 1876
County of McKean vs Bradford Poor Districts
No 232 Feb. T 1876
B F Watkins vs H W Green & wife
No 116 June T 1876
Wm B Young et al vs Allegheny Valley R R
No 108 June T 1876
Brown & Norris vs Geo C Howe
No 149 June T 1876
Mrs A E Hahey vs Job Miller & wife
No 150 June T 1876
Caroline Bradley vs Enos Parsons & T T
No 195 June T 1876
Thomas Galler vs D V Cressmore

C K SARTWELL, Proth'y
per J R CHADWICK, Deputy.
November 27, 1876.

Stockholders' Meeting.

Office of The McKean & Buffalo R. R. Co.
Smethport, Pa. Dec 5 1876

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the McKean & Buffalo Railroad Company will be held at the office of said company, in Smethport, Pa., on Monday, the 8th day of January 1877, at one o'clock P. M., at which time and place the election for Directors for the ensuing year will take place.

GRAHAM MACFARLANE,
Secretary.
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Administrator's Notice.

LETTERS of Administration upon the estate of Wm. John McNaught, dec'd, late of Wetmore township, M'Kean county, Pa., have been granted to the undersigned, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payments, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay.

ROB'T McANGHY,
Administrator.
Smethport, Pa. Nov 16 1876-6t

Orphans' Court Notice.

McKean County, ss

Notice is hereby given that Theo F Noble, Guardian of the Minor heirs of Robert Looney, deceased has filed in my office his final account as Guardian of said Minors and that the same will be presented to said Court for confirmation and allowance on the 2d Monday of December next, A. D. 1876.

C K SARTWELL, Clerk O. C.
Smethport, Pa. Nov 15, 1876-6w3t

WM HASKELL, use of } To McKean Co Com-
JAMES LAMB, vs } mon Pleas, 121 Sept. T
DOMESTIC CREDITORS. } 1875.

NOTICE.—P Ford, the Auditor appointed by the Court of Common Pleas of McKean county to distribute moneys made on Sheriff Sale in the above entitled case, will be at the Court House in Smethport, Friday, Dec 15, 1876, at 1 o'clock, p m of said day, at which time and place all persons having any claims will appear and present the same.

P FORD,
Auditor
Smethport, Pa. Nov 22, 1876, 3w

Notice.

To whom it may concern.

You are hereby notified that I have bought one horse, one mare, one lumber wagon, two lumber sleds about 3 tons of hay and all other goods that was sold at Sheriff's sale, Oct. 25, 1876, goods that was sold as the property of J. A. Mell, in Wetmore township, McKean county, Pa. And all persons are ahereby notified not to meddle with them, as I have only loaned them with the said J. A. Mell for a time.

JOSHUA DAVIS.
Kane, Pa. Nov 2, 1876-6t-3

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NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa., at the December Term 1876, for a Charter of Incorporation for the "Aldrich Cemetery Association."

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C. S. KING, Sheriff.

Trial List.

FOR DECEMBER TERM, 1876.

No 159, Sept Term, 1876
James H Wright vs Gardner Chapel
No 188 Sept Term 1876
William Teuscher vs Morris Manning
No 8 Sept Term 1876
B A Treat vs Leroy and Wm Delmage
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C K SARTWELL, Prothonotary
Smethport, Pa Nov 27, 1876

SHERIFF SALES.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of *Fieri Facias* issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of M'Kean County, Pa., I have levied upon the following described Real Estate, which I shall expose to public sale, at the Court House, in the Borough of Smethport, on Monday, the 18th day of Dec. A. D. 1876, at one o'clock, p m, the following described tract or parcel of land to wit:

All that piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in the township of Liberty, county of McKean and state of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a post corner on the north bank of the Allegany river, being the southwest corner of land of Seth Blackert—[or No 84, thence north land of Seth Blackert—[or No 84, thence north 2½ perches to a post, the northeast corner of lot No 84, thence west 101 perches to a post in the east line of the lands of A B Den Chappelle, thence south 62 and 3-4 perches to a post corner, thence west 44 and 3-10 perches to a post, the northeast corner of the land heretofore surveyed by Benton and Clark; thence south 163 perches to a post corner on the north bank of the Allegany river; thence easterly up the north bank of said river by its several courses and distances thereof, to the place of beginning, containing 134 and 3-10 acres, strict measure, be the same more or less, being lots Nos. 84 and 168, of the allotment of Keating lands in Liberty township, together with part of land known as the Den Chappelle tract, and being parts of Warrants Nos 2 81 and 3171. ALSO—One other piece of land situate in Liberty township, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a hemlock, the southeast corner of the allotment of land of A B Den Chappelle; thence north 12 perches to a post corner, thence east 86 and ⅗ perches to a post corner; thence south 158 perches to a post corner, thence west 52 perches to a hemlock corner, thence south 21 perches to a post corner, thence west 34 and 7-10 perches to the place of beginning, containing seventy-three and seven tenths acres strict measure, be the same more or less, being lot No 127 on the allotment of Keating lands in said township and part of [illegible] No 2 ALSO—Another tract of land situate in the township of Liberty, county of McKean and state of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows to wit: Beginning at a hemlock corner, standing 18 perches north and 104 perches east from the basswood at the southeast corner of the last describ'd lot, No 127, thence north 64 perches to a post corner, thence east 80 perches to a post corner, thence west 80 perches to the place of beginning, containing 33 acres, strict measure, be the same more or less, being lot No. 87 of the allotment of Keating lands in said township, and part of Ware tract No. 2165, together with one frame house, wagon and woodshed, one blacksmith shop, clover barns and shed, one barn house, one small barn one store building, one tool house one corn house one large orchard and about 150 acres of land improved, one well, one shingle mill, one water-power saw mill, dams, bams, &c

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C K KING, Sheriff
Sheriff's Office, Smethport Pa Nov 27, 1876.

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Beginning at the northwest corner of lot No 229 of allotment of Keating lands conveyed by Keating Co to W S Moore, thence east one hundred and twenty-one and 9-10 perches to a post in north line of said lot No 229; thence north fifty-three perches to post, thence west one hundred and fifty-nine and 7-10 perches to post on bank of Potato Creek, thence up said creek by its several courses thereof, to the place of beginning, containing fifty acres, more or less, being lot No 231, of allotment of Keating Lands aforesaid in Keating township, and part of Warrant No 2801 Improved, and well watered, together with one frame house, and a few apple trees,

Seized and taken in execution, and will be sold as the property of Mathias Otto, at the suit of A. N. Taylor, use of Niles Crossmire

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All the following described lots and tracts of lands situated in the county of McKean and in the township of Sergeant, to wit: Warrants Nos 2190, 2426, 2462, 2473, 2490, 2314, 2329, 2397, 2398, 2704, 2791 and 2854, each containing nine hundred and ninety (990) acres, be the same more or less, all unimproved.

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The M'Kean Miner.

THURSDAY, DEC. 14, 1876.

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METHODIST—J. C. WHITEHORN, pastor. School every Sabbath at 9 a. m., and Preaching at 10½ a. m. Class Meeting at 11½ a. m. Prayer Meetings on Thursday evening at 7½ p. m.

Preaching at Norwich at 2 p. m., and at Canonsburg at 6 p. m., every other Sabbath. And Preaching in the Luther School House at 2 p. m. on every alternate Sabbath.

BAPTIST—C. J. BUNN, pastor. Services Sunday at 10½ a. m., and at 7½ p. m. Sunday School immediately after the morning service. Preaching once in two weeks at the Luther school house.

EPISCOPAL—H. Q. MILLER, Rector. Services on the 1st and 3d Sunday of each month at 10½ a. m. and 7½ p. m. Sabbath School at 9 a. m.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

TO ADVERTISERS.—Advertisers are notified that the subscription price of the MINER will invariably be charged in addition to the advertisement. An advertisement does not include the paper, unless by special contract.

IT MAY not be generally known that at ROGERS' "Advance" Store, near the covered bridge, on the road to the McK. & B. Depot, in Bobtown, is being sold daily to the active customers, (the sentiment of the all round Bobtown) a superior article of Buckwheat flour, at the lowest cash rates.

Another fact ought to be known, that at the same stylish store, near the same bridge, on the route to the same depot, in the town that commences with "R" is being sold an article which readers buckwheat griddle-cakes (known in common parlance as flap-jacks) undesirable. It is nothing more or less than Drips, or the most delicious syrup. None like it was ever before sold in Smethport.

In this connection it may be as well to say, that at the aforesaid store, near the aforesaid bridge, on the aforesaid route, in the aforesaid town commencing with "R" can be found the finest boiled meal, the best unbolted meal, the choicest brands of flour a grade of molasses which has been heretofore sold in this market as syrup, tea, coffee, sugars, and in fact a general assortment of choice family groceries, all of which will be dispensed in exchange for cash to those who are disposed to call by that accomplished clerk who is known in brief as "Lin," at all hours of day and night when it is proper for young men to absent themselves from their boarding places.

THE PEOPLE'S STORE.—The People's Store is still there, in the basement of Union Block. And there can be found assortment of all kinds, oysters of the best quality, flour and all other groceries, at hard times prices. Call in and see if you cannot get as much, if not more, for your money than at any other place in town.

THE STORY OF A HERO.—General George A. Custer will ever be remembered as one of the heroes of the age. A gallant soldier and a true patriot, he gave his life for his country. The true story of that life makes a more thrilling and eloquent tale than the best written romances of imagination. Every one admired the gallant and brave soldier, and lamented his tragic death in the service of his country, and all want to read the story of his life—an eventful life of fifty-six years. The book is published by S. Dean & Co. No pains are spared in its execution. It contains 650 pages, elegantly printed, bound and illustrated. It will be sold only by subscription, and Mrs. Custer and the parents of General Custer are to receive a share of the profits on each book. Mr. Dan. Keiff is the agent for this county.

Notice to Subscribers.

We, the undersigned, having learned by experience that the newspaper business can be conducted profitably and pleasantly only on the cash system, have jointly determined that on and after Jan. 1 1877, we shall expect all subscriptions to be paid in advance. We have to pay cash for material and labor, and cannot be expected to carry hundreds of dollars in debts distributed in sums of one to five dollars among as many individual subscribers. The subscription price of our papers will be $2.50 per year, which is as low as the cost of publishing will permit, and none of our subscribers who expect to pay for their paper can object to paying the small sum in advance, thus avoiding the keeping of book accounts, collecting possible disputed bills, &c. We hope and expect all our friends will heartily cooperate with us in this "new departure." Subscribers will please bear in mind that our rule is invariably no pay no paper, and after Jan. 1, 1877, all subscribers who have not paid in advance will be stricken from our books.

H. F. BARBOUR,
Publisher MINER.
A. J. HUGHES,
Publisher REPORTER.

$100 REWARD.—Stolen from the premises of the Subscriber a single harness; said harness was almost new, C. plow trimmings. The above reward will be paid for the recovery of the harness.

F. F. BUSHOP,
Turtle Point, Pa.

SAVE INSURANCE.—One great objection to ordinary life insurance is the exhorbitant premiums charged. This, with other minor objections, is wholly obviated by the U. B. Mutual Aid society of Pennsylvania. This is a corporation chartered by the Legislature of 1869. The system is mutual, perfectly simple, and absolutely secure to the insured. Mr. C. A. Burdick is agent for the county. Apply to him for circulars, and don't insure your life in any high priced companies until you have looked into this system thoroughly.

—To young people with that little dry hacking cough, we would say procure a bottle of James Cough Pills at once and cure it, a few doses of these pills will cure you. HENRY GIFFORD, Proprietor, Mayville, N. Y. Sold by all druggists.

—Segars of all grades at J. P. Wendel's.

BRIEF MENTION.

—Court next week.

—Diphtheria is raging to some extent in Bradford.

—Many of our citizens are getting in their summer's ice.

—The great question now is—How much did Gov. Grover get?

—We have never seen better ice than is being cut and stored now.

—A horse drastatic company is one of the new institutions of Bradford.

—The offer of the MINER and the New York Times for $2.50 a year is withdrawn.

—When the Democratic party does a mean thing its organs call it fighting for their rights.

—We have yet to hear from a single subscriber who does not heartily approve of the advance pay system.

—The cable and tools for the Haskill oil well are at last on the ground, and the drillers commenced work this morning.

—Dr. W. H. Bradley, who has just retired from the editorship of the Monitor American, wants to be reading clerk of the lower House.

—In carving a turkey in the presence of strangers it is a breach of etiquette to stop more than twice to spit on your hands and get a new hold.

—We will not be surpassed by any job office in Northern Pennsylvania in neatness and elegance of work, at Buffalo prices. Bring on your jobs.

—Those of our friends who so quickly responded to our call for missing back copies of the MINER have our hearty thanks. We are now fully supplied.

—We will insert corrected time tables next week. On account of an unusual rush of work we have not been able to put them in shape since the changes.

—Wonder if every member of the Bradford Era shows as poor press work as the ones we have received for months past. Get a new roller, boys, and brighten up.

—There are to be two Christmas Trees in the Methodist and Episcopal Sunday Schools this year. Both schools are now expected to rapidly increase in numbers—for a season.

—Bork, late city treasurer of Buffalo, supposed to have been defaulter to a large amount, has fixed matters so that he is about square with the city. He was not so bad as he was supposed to be.

—Some of our "fleshy" local democratic politicians felt wonderful good for a few hours over the Oregon trick. They thought Tilden was elected sure. They want so badly to feel good that it don't take a very large sized straw to tickle them immensely.

—We hope that those of our friends throughout the county who are called to Smethport next week on business connected with the court, and who are in arrears to us for subscription, will make it a part of their business to call upon us. We are very anxious to see them.

—Those who have received statements of subscription due this office, and who think there is a mistake in the account, will please not get into a pasion over it. They will find us always ready and willing to correct errors. Bring in your accounts. Let us have the matter closed up in some way, and start fair and square on the first of January next.

—Let those who think otherwise understand it now, that we dont want to, and do not intend, if we know it, to send the MINER to any one who does not want it or does not pay for it in advance. We are not running a charitable institution. Neither do we publish a paper to tickle our own vanity. If the paper is worth taking it is worth paying for. Most assuredly it will not be forced upon anybody.

—Since George has become interested in renovating his Ollard saloon and repairing his tables we fear he has lost his interest in politics. There is nothing like acquiescing quietly and manfully to a fair defeat. We really don't believe any of our democratic friends in this section will abandon their markets because Tilden is not elected. They are not lacking in courage, oh, no; but they wouldn't be so disloyal.

—We very readily accord our friend Redfield space to define his political position for the benefit of various enquirers. We very much suspect that his profession as a sort of journalistic detective has led "Vic." to look too much on the dark side of politics. His letter, however, is well worth reading, and we commend it to our readers without unnecessary comment. We are promised more from the same source, and hope we shall not be disappointed.

—The friends of the Wright House will be pleased to learn that Frank Richmond is now filling the position of clerk, bartender and "book keeper" at this popular inn. Frank is an old hand at the business, having been eight years in the employ of D. R. Bennett in the Bennett House, in years gone by. He is trustworthy, capable, faithful and attentive, and we predict that the Wright House will continue to grow in prosperity and popularity.

—The State Local Option Association has issued a lengthy address to the people of Pennsylvania. They want the local option law re-enacted. As the next Legislature is Republican, they will press their claims, but we shouldn't suppose that the Republican party would feel under many obligations to the temperance people. It is the only party that ever has or ever will do anything for them, yet the temperance party as an organization never fails to slaughter their Republican friends at every opportunity. We advise the Republican Legislature to attend to their own legitimate duties, and let them "work out their own salvation." The liquor laws are stringent enough, if lived up to, and the question had best be let alone for awhile.

PAY YOUR SCHOOL TAX.—The duplicate of the School tax for the year 1877 is yet in the hands of the Treasurer, Wm. Haskill. After the 15th inst., it will be placed in the collector's hands, when five per cent will be added for collection. Pay it now, and save cost.

CHURCH FAIR.—The Catholic society of Bradford propose to open a fair and festival some time during the holidays. It will comprise the usual features of church fairs and pleasant entertainment will be furnished to all who attend.

THE MESSAGE.—The MINER was the only paper in McKean county that gave its readers the President's Message in full last week. Of course it entailed considerable extra expense, but we expect the bit of enterprise will be appreciated by our readers. It is simply a straw indicating that the MINER will always maintain its well earned position as the leading paper in the county, as it is the oldest by a score of years.

A SERIES OF CONCERTS.—Mr. E. Downey, of this place, assisted by Miss Nettie Wolters and Miss Attie Lyman, is conducting a series of musical entertainments in the different towns in this and surrounding counties. We are confident that they will meet with entire success. All have been thoroughly drilled in music and are unusually fine singers, and their selections are from only the latest and best pieces. They will sing in Smethport one evening next week, probably on Tuesday evening, and it is needless to assure them a crowded house.

Our friend Barbour, of the McKean *Miner*, notwithstanding he has a libel suit upon his shoulders, keeps right on giving his readers the liveliest and best paper published in McKean county. For some reason or other he don't seem to scare worth a cent.—*Friendship Register*.

The above is entirely correct. Bob. with the exception that we do not feel the weight of a libel suit on our shoulders very heavily just now. The petty schemes seem to have "fizzled in the pan." So far as we know, the case has been withdrawn. "Bull-dozing," as a science, seems to be a failure north of Mason and Dixon's line.

WATCH NIGHT.—In accordance with the old and beautiful custom of the church, the death of the old year and the birth of the new year will be celebrated in the M. E. Church of this borough by prayer and praise on Sunday evening, the 31st inst. Quarterly Meeting services will be held the same day and evening. Rev. S. E. Williams, of Olean, will conduct the Quarterly Meeting services, and Rev. Whiteside expects other assistance from abroad for the evening services.

Christmas Tree.

The ladies of the M. E. Society have decided to erect a Christmas Tree in the Church on Monday evening, Christmas day, large enough to hold all the Christmas tokens that the friends of the church and Sunday School, the parents and friends of the scholars, and any body else may wish to hang thereon. Everybody who wishes to remember his or her friend by a Christmas present is cordially invited to hang it upon this tree. Its branches will be wide and generous, and the public is invited to use them freely and fill them if possible. The Church will be decorated for the occasion, there will be music and unlimited good feeling and fun. We hope all will attend, and that none will go away empty-handed.

Fire in Eldred.

The dwelling house of Amos Fisher, blacksmith, West Eldred, was totally destroyed by fire on Wednesday night last, the 6th inst., with the whole of the household furniture, clothing, etc. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher closed the house about 10 o'clock in the night, putting out the lights and leaving the stove in which was a fire as they thought safe, and started to pass the night at Mrs. F.'s parents about ½ of a mile distant. About half past 11 o'clock on looking out they discovered their house on fire, and only arrived in time to witness the falling of the roof and the destruction of their household property saving nothing but what they stood up in out of the wreck of the house.

The blacksmith shop, which was near the house, was saved with great difficulty, likewise some oats and a quantity of pork. The fire must have originated from either the stove or the piping. The loss will be a severe one to Fisher as there was no insurance, but we believe the neighbors are already assisting the family as far as they are able.

VERITAS.

—It is simply beautiful to hear the language of Democrats about those colored members of the South Carolina House who have deserted the Republicans and joined the Democrats. An ignorant observer would infer that each one of them had carried with him all the honesty and about all of the virtue there is in the world. Yet only a day or two ago the same men were described as members of a band of ignorant, coarse, and dirty "niggers." It seems to be a second birth for a negro to turn Democrat.

—The Rev. Thomas P. Hunt, who died last Tuesday at Wilkesbarre, Pa., was the "Father Hunt" who was formerly well known as one of the leaders of the temperance agitation in Pennsylvania.

—A lady in Allegany county claims that she hasn't used any soap in five years! That is for washing dishes and other kitchen purposes except washing clothes. She has her hot water and adds a little milk to it. This softens the water, gives the dishes a fine glow and preserves the hands.

—In spite of Oregon it wont be a waste of time to practice on saying President Hayes.

—A fine assortment of lined Buffalo robes at J. P. Wendel's.

Letter from H. V. Redfield.

Chattanooga, Tenn. Dec. 9, 1876.

To the Editor of the Miner:

Upon returning home from New Orleans I find in the MINER some references to myself to which I wish to make brief reply. A great many other papers have commented variously upon my politics, and supposed politics, some calling me a rebel Democrat and others a Radical Republican. I leave them to arrange the matter according to their several notions, while I reply only to the MINER, because it is published where many of those nearest and dearest to me on earth reside.

Your article is calculated to convey an erroneous impression. I am not a Democrat but an "Independent voter," setting on the fence most of the time, because, as the Cleveland Deacon said, "it is so muddy on both sides." I was away from home last election, and did not vote at all. I was not "an earnest supporter of Mr. Tilden." I do not "earnestly support" either party. When I vote it is usually a scratched ticket, scratched in an attempt to get at the best men, without much reference to party. I have never been a blind partisan and never can be. Upon all questions which brought the Republican party into existence and into power, I am a Republican. But the conduct of that party the last few years has been such that I am no longer sorrowful when the people, with emphasis, administer a rebuke.

The idea, which you say some have that I must "write as ordered," is too absurd for consideration. You justly call it an insult. It is. I have never had an order, or an intimation from the Cincinnati Commercial office to write any party or any cause or any question up or down. Such an order would cause me to sever connection with that paper in an instant. I have never had a single instruction from the office as to how to write or which side to uphold. They always want the truth, regardless of which party's toes are trod upon, and that I try to give them. If a party is stepped upon now and then, and squeals, I cannot help it. It is the truth that hurts and not me.

I plead guilty to the charge of "writing for bread and butter," that is I work for a living just as every man does who does not make a living off of the labor of somebody else.

Referring to a form of misrepresentation in much use, the Commercial says:

We have endeavored to correct the misrepresentations of Mr. Redfield, but they are so constantly repeated that the task becomes difficult. Mr Redfield's distinction is that he is not a partizan, and that he writes the truth without the coloring of political prejudices. The attempt to make it appear that he is a southern Democrat driven by the prickings of his conscience and the terrors of overwhelming testimony to tell the truth about the outrages in Louisiana, is absurd. We are not in the habit of asking our employes whether they are Democrats or Republicans, and the quality that we most prize in correspondents is that of truthfulness; and this quality we have found in an eminent degree in Mr. Redfield. His home is in Chattanooga, the best point of general observation in the "solid south." We do not happen to know whether he voted for Tilden or for Hayes, or whether he voted at all. Mr Redfield is a native of New York, and he removed when a child with his widowed mother to east Tennessee. He began writing for us when he was a boy, at the close of the war, and is not thirty years of age. Perhaps we may some time induce Mr. Redfield to furnish his autobiography.

Well, if I should some day get enough "bread and butter" ahead to enable me to engage in the foolishness of an autobiographical sketch, the most thrilling chapter in it would be that detailing how Jack Beckwith and myself made a great family journal out of the McKean Miner.

Yours truly,
H. V. REDFIELD.

Eldred Items.

Mr. W. H. Curtis, County School Superintendent held an examination of school teachers in this village on Monday, the 11th inst. The following schools are now open for the winter term in this district under the care of the teachers named. Eldred—Miss V. Goodwin; West Eldred—Mrs. H. Dennis, Shallows—Miss Nettie Knapp; Carpenter—W. C. Curtis, Texas—Mr. Ira Cooper; Fowler—Mrs. Jno. Wright, jr; State Line—Miss May Dennis, Prentiswale—Miss F. Coon.

Again we have the oil fever in our village. This time it is a Buffalo company that are leasing lands, and report says that operations are to be commenced forthwith. We are sorry to admit that we have but little faith in these rumors, as we have been hearing to this sort of talk most of the year, but we hope we may be deceived this time by seeing the operations talked about commenced at once.

Business is almost at a stand still in our village. Nothing at all doing, and money miserably scarce. We were glad to see the snow falling last week, and this, and hope there will soon be enough for good sleighing, and then most likely we shall see a revival of business, as we understand it is the intention of the proprietors of the lumber mills of this section to put in a larger supply of logs than usual this winter should the weather prove favorable for the business.

VERITAS.

Dec. 12, 1876.

—The following notice appeared on the west end of a county meeting house: "Anybody sticking bills against this church will be prosecuted according to law or any other nuisance."

—The change in the latest style of lady's hat is readily accomplished now by simply unstopping the bustle and transferring it to the top of the wearer's head.

—A clergyman in Northern Indiana ascended the pulpit the other Sunday and said: "no man can serve the Lord while he has the jumping toothache. I therefore dismiss the congregation."

—A country editor offered to make his "devil" a Christmas present of his printing office; but the boy declined it, with the remark that he had rather work for two dollars a week than to run in debt nine hundred dollars a year.

—A Waterville girl worked the motto, "I need thee every hour," and presented it to her chap. He says he can't help it; it takes him two hours to milk, and feed the pigs, morning and night, and business has got to be attended to.

—That was a very tender-hearted young man who, on being told that his wife, who had left the house an hour before, was drowned, and that her body was found only a mile or so below, said, "She must have floated down quite lively."

—Cold fingers are a constant discomfort. Buy a pair of gloves or mittens at J. P. Wendel's, and be comfortable.

—Mr. Sayler, of Ohio, is said to be the largest man in Congress.

Notice.

All persons having unsettled accounts with the late Hon. A. N. Taylor, are hereby notified that said accounts are now in the hands of John C. Backus, who is Attorney for the Executors of the Estate of said Taylor, who will together with one or more of the said Executors make a point to be at the office of said Backus, in the borough of Smethport, on Wednesday and Thursday of each week, after next week, for the purpose of settling said accounts. All persons having unsettled accounts as above stated, will please to prompt in answering the notice, and thereby save themselves costs.

A. E. TAYLOR,
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Corydon—L N Bishop.
Ceres—V P Carter, J M Hargraves, Abel Hammond, Norvel Lampher, E Nichols, J J Roberts, E V Wood.
Eldred—Orson Cory, Michael Finnigan, B G Spiller.
Keating—Jerry Chadwick, Jacob Digel, Moses Hackett, Hugh McCabe, John Strattee, H Tyler, A B Burbank.
Liberty—F H Arnold, E B Grinolds, Mack Freeman
Lafayette—Cornelius Sullivan, Erastus Turner.
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Sergeant—Casper Hafner.
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Bradford boro'—J Moorhouse, A W Newell.
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FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD

The Housekeeper.

Corn Bread.—One pint of Indian meal, one cupful of flour, three eggs, tablespoonful of butter, two teaspoonfuls of cream tartar, one teaspoonful of soda last thing; scalded milk to make a batter thick as pound cake.

Cabbage Salad.—Wash and scrape tender rich colored carrots, throw them into fast boiling water, and boil soft. Cut them into very thin slices, put them into a glass salad bowl, and sprinkle with rubbed loaf sugar, add the juice of a large lemon, and a wineglassful of olive oil, garnish the dish with very thin slices of onion, and any kind of green salad leaves.

Lemon Pudding.—Pare three lemons and take out the pips; put them in a basin with half a pound of sugar and pour will; roll a long strip of paste; lay the mixture on with a spoon; roll and boil the same as a rolly polly pudding. Oranges may be used with the addition of half a lemon. Cranberries or stewed fruits of any kind, either fresh or dried, may be used the same way.

Eastern Plum Pudding.—1o pound of currants, one pound of raisins, half pound of suet, teaspoonful of salt, one pound of bread crumbs, half pound of mixed, eight eggs, half pint of milk, one coffeecupful of sugar; mace or nutmeg to taste; boil or steam seven hours. Half of the quantity makes a good sized pudding.

Wedding Cake.—One pound of butter, one pound of sugar, one pound of flour, twelve eggs, two large nutmegs, one teaspoonful of ground mace, one teaspoonful of cloves, one teaspoonful of cinnamon, one-half teaspoonful of allspice and one-half teaspoonful of ginger; grated yellow rind of a lemon and the juice of it, four pounds of raisins, four pounds of currants, two pounds of citron. Half a pound of sweet and half a pound of bitter almonds, blanched, and beaten in a mortar to a paste, may be added if desired. In pounding the almonds you must pound only two or three at a time, and use rose water to moisten them and assist in forming them into a paste; put in a few drops at a time. Be sure to sift some flour over all your fruits after they are prepared and ready to mix in the cake. I use prepared flour, and always sift it before I weigh it. I use the best and largest raisins, as they are much the richest. I use rosewater instead of brandy. It takes eight hours to bake in a moderate oven, if baked in a large loaf.

Seed Potatoes.

Outdoor pits are preferable to cellars for keeping seed potatoes. Select a dry spot, from which the surface water will run readily, and on which heavy drifts of snow are not likely to form. After the potatoes are in the pit, cover them first with a thick coat of clean straw. Wheat straw is to be preferred. Then put on soil six inches deep. When this covering of dirt has frozen to the depth of three or four inches, and there is danger of further freezing so as to injure the potatoes, put on a liberal covering of fresh stable manure. In the spring, to hold back the seed from sprouting, do not remove the covering of manure, until you wish to take out the potatoes. That will keep the frost to the dirt, and the frost will hold the pit cool. In this way Early Rose may be kept from sprouting until June.

Disposition in Cattle.

If the crown in cattle is high up, it is an indication of a quiet and mild disposition; if it is low down, it is an indication of a fractious disposition. I have seen cattle with the crown two or three inches above the line of the eyes, and others two or three inches below. Thirty years' experience has confirmed me in the belief of the correctness of this test, although it may not be infallible. It is generally believed to be correct by all who have observed it. It applies equally as well to oxen as steers. I would not buy cattle with the crowns two or three inches below the eyes on any consideration.

Will be All Right.

When a man expects a great trouble, says the New York Sun, he suffers more in the anticipation than in the realization of it. As he looks forward he takes the whole agony in at once. As he actually experiences it the trouble becomes bearable, for he gets it by degrees, and finds that each moment's suffering is not too heavy for the moment's endurance. Besides, it is a good thing to be brought squarely up to dealing with a threatening evil. We shall mend the fourth of next March without foundering.

Pumpkin Butter.—Take out the seeds of one pumpkin, cut it in small pieces and boil it soft. Take three other pumpkins, cut them in small pieces and boil them soft; put them in a coarse bag, and press out the juice; add the juice to the first pumpkin, and let it boil ten hours or more; stir often. If the pumpkins are frozen the juice will come out much better. It will keep best in a wooden box or keg.

Cold in the Head.

The medical journals publish repeatedly the formula for Dr. Ferrier's new remedy for cold in the head as follows: Trisulphate of Bismuth, six drachms, pulverized gum arabic, two drachms, and hydrochlorate of morphia, two grains. This is used as a snuff, creates no pain, and causes, says the London *Lancet*, the entire disappearance of the symptoms in a few hours.

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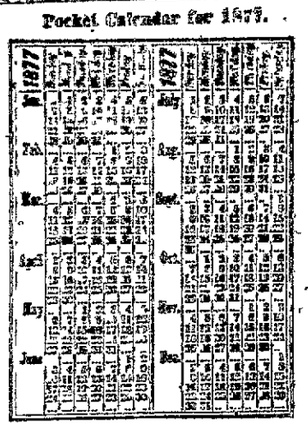

Taking Care of the Penny.

Three little girls were walking along the street. As they talked and chatted, one of them dropped a penny. It rolled and rolled—till it was out of sight, and then all three looked for it, searched in every nook and corner, but it was so late and so dark that they could not find it. They were very much discouraged, but at last a happy thought came to one, and she said:

"I know—I know how to find it. I've got three cents in my pocket. Let's go and buy a box of matches and we'll light them one after the other till we find it.

Ye worldly minded and extravagant, take a lesson in this simple, childish, innocent economy. When you lose one cent go follow their example, get a box of matches for three cents and search till you find it.

A Steamboat on Ice.

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A New Cereal.

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The Markets.

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Beef Cattle—Prime to Extra Bullocks		10	10½
Common to Good Steers		7½	9½
Milch Cows		40	80
Hogs—Live		6½	6¾
Dressed		8	8½
Sheep		5¾	6¼
Lambs		12	13½
Cotton—Middlings		11	11¼
Flour—Extra Western		5 75	6 25
State Extra		6 10	7 00
Wheat—Red Western		1	1 02
No. 2 Spring		1	1 02
Rye—State		80	82
Barley—State		90	1 05
Barley—Malt		91	1 05
Oats—Mixed Western		36	38
Corn—Mixed Western		17½	18
Hay, per cwt		87	90
Straw, per cwt		50	75
Hops	76@97	13	15
Pork—Mess		16 81½	17 00
Lard		10¼	10¾
Fish—Mackerel, No. 1, new		13 50	15 00
" No. 2, new		9 00	10 00
" No. 3, new		6 00	7 00
Dry Cod, per cwt		4	5
Herring, Scaled, per box		12	14
Petroleum—Crude	@16	Refined,	16½
Wool—California Fleece		19	21
Texas "		15	20
Australian "		37	40
Butter—State		30	33
Western Dairy		22	25
Western Yellow		23	25
Western Ordinary		18	19
Cheese—State Factory		12	12½
State Skimmed		02	03
Western		08	14
Eggs—State		28	29

BUFFALO.

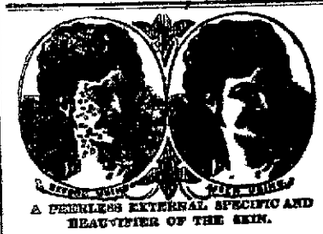
Flour		5 25	6 75
Wheat—No. 1 Hard		1 21	1 21
Corn—Mixed		52	55½
Oats		28	30
Rye		67	70
Barley		0	0

PHILADELPHIA.

Beef Cattle—Extra		6½	6¾
Sheep		6¼	6¾
Hogs—Dressed		6¾	6¾
Flour—Pennsylvania Extra		6 00	6 50
Wheat—Red Western		1 21	1 25
Rye		73	74
Corn—Yellow		52	53
Mixed		53	54
Oats—Mixed		30	34
Petroleum—Crude	@14	Refined,	16½

WATERTOWN, MASS.

Beef Cattle—Poor to Choice	4 00	@ 7 75
Sheep	1 50	@ 4 50
Lambs	1 50	@ 4 50



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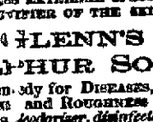

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